

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:-

1. A method of dynamic medical imaging a subject comprising the steps of:-
obtaining a plurality of time separated images of the subject;
5 registering the plurality of time separated images together to match
corresponding locations in the images to each other;
measuring from the registered images the temporal behaviour of an imaged
region at a location in the subject; and
comparing the measured temporal behaviour with a model of the expected
10 temporal behaviour of the imaged region to determine the level of agreement
therebetween as a measure of the quality of the registration of the time separated images.
2. A method according to claim 1 wherein obtaining the images involves the use
of an imaging agent and said model is a model of the temporal behaviour of the imaging
15 agent.
3. A method according to claim 2 wherein the imaging agent is a contrast
agent.
- 20 4. A method according to claim 1 wherein the level of agreement between
the measured temporal behaviour and the expected temporal behaviour is displayed.
5. A method according to claim 4 wherein the level of agreement is
displayed overlying an image of the subject.
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6. A method according to claim 1 further comprising re-executing the step
of registering the plurality of time separated images together in imaged regions where the
level of agreement is poor.

7. A method according to claim 6 wherein the registration uses a parameterised process and is re-executed using different registration parameters.

5 8. A method according to claim 6 wherein the registration is re-executed at a different resolution.

9. A method according to claim 6 wherein the registration is re-executed at a different scale.

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10. A method according to claim 6 wherein the registration comprises searching through a search window defined in one of the images and the registration is re-executed using a different sized search window.

15 11. A method according to claim 1 wherein the model is a temporal model of the take-up and wash-out of an imaging agent administered to the subject.

12. A method according to claim 1 wherein the subject is a living human, animal or plant.

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13. A method according to claim 1 wherein the images are acquired by one of magnetic resonance imaging, computed tomography, positron emission tomography, single photon emission computed tomography, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, x-ray and optical imaging.

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14. A computer program comprising program code means for executing the steps in claim 1 of registering the plurality of time separated images together to match corresponding locations in the images to each other; measuring from the registered

images the temporal behaviour at a location in the subject; and comparing the measured temporal behaviour to a model of the expected temporal behaviour to determine the level of agreement therebetween as a measure of the quality of the registration of the time separated images.

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15. A computer readable storage medium carrying a computer program according to claim 14.

16. Dynamic medical image processing apparatus adapted to execute the
10 steps in claim 1 of registering the plurality of time separated images together to match corresponding locations in the images to each other; measuring from the registered images the temporal behaviour of the imaging agent at a location in the subject; and comparing the measured temporal behaviour of the imaging agent to a model of the expected temporal behaviour to determine the level of agreement therebetween as a
15 measure of the quality of the registration of the time separated images.